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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TS US

SUBJECT: BOURGUIBA VISIT

REF: TUNIS 3020

1. AS DEPT AWARE, INTENTION OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA VISIT U.S. IN "MAY" HAS LONG BEEN IN PUBLIC DOMAIN HERE. FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS EMBASSY PERSONNEL HAVE REGULARLY BEEN QUERIED BY VARIETY OF PEOPLE WHETHER DATES HAVE BEEN SET. POSTPONEMENT WILL NOT THEREFOR GO UNNOTICED PARTICULARLY BY DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND FOREIGN PRESS REPS.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW OR WHETHER GOT WILL MAKE REFERENCE TO POSTPONEMENT. CHIEF OF AMERICAN SECTION OF MOFA TOLD CHARGE OVER WEEKEND THAT HE DOUBTED GOT WOULD MAKE ANY SPECIAL REFERENCE TO POSTPONEMENT. HE THOUGHT FACT THAT BOURGUIBA IS NOT GOING TO U.S. AT THIS TIME WOULD PROBABLY SURFACE IN "LOW KEY WAY" WHEN GOT ANNOUNCES BOURGUIBA'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE TO CHINA. HE MAY OR MAY NOT BE CORRECT. FACT REMAINS THAT WE BELIEVE THAT WE OURSELVES OUGHT BE IN POSITION REPLY ON IF-ASKED BASIS SINCE WE UNLIKELY BE ABLE AVOID FOR LONG QUESTIONS FROM DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AND MAY NOT BE ABLE AVOID QUESTIONS FROM FOREIGN PRESS.

3. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO REPLY ALONG LINES THAT DESPITE OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND, IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT APPROPRIATE

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PLANNING, DATES THAT WERE COMPATIBLE TO BOTH GOT AND USG

WITHIN THE TIME SPAN MENTIONED BY FOMIN CHATTI ON HIS  
RETURN FROM THE U.S. IN MARCH, I.E., LATE MAY - EARLY JUNE  
(TUNIS 1508). GOT AND USG HAVE THEREFORE AGREED TO  
POSTPONE THE VISIT FOR THE TIME BEING. WE WILL BE WORKING  
TOGETHER ON NEW DATES IN DUE COURSE.

4. APPRECIATE DEPT'S ADVICE SOONEST. WE WOULD PROPOSE  
CLEARING WHATEVER LANGUAGE DEPT DEEMS APPROPRIATE WITH  
GOT, EMPHASIZING TO THEM THAT WE WOULD USE IT ON IF-ASKED  
BASIS ONLY.  
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